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- 1. I CONTACTED UNDERSECRETARY FONSECA THIS MORNING AND MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. IT BECAME CLEAR THAT COLOMBIAN PERMANENT MISSION FAILED TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY OF MARCH 7 CIRCULAR NOTE. AS REPORTED IN BOGOTA 4012, FRENCH, AUSTRALIAN AND FRG AMBASSADORS MADE THEIR APPROACH TO COLOMBIANS DIRECTLY HERE IN BOGOTA AND GOT COMMITMENT. FONSECA REITERATED TO ME THAT GOC HAD PLEDGED ITS SUPPORT TO THESE THREE CANDIDATES IN DIPLOMATIC NOTES AND THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER NATURALLY FEELS HE CANNOT RENEGE. HE ALSO REITERATED THAT GOC WOULD BE HAPPY TO VOTE FOR U.S. IF WE COULD PERSUADE ONE OF THESE THREE WESTERN NATIONS TO WITHDRAW.
- 2. I STRESSED AGAIN TO FONSECA THE TRADITION OF ELECTING PERMANENT MEMBERS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO THE COMMISSION AND I GATHER FROM HIS REACTION THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD NOT TAKEN THIS INTO ACCOUNT IN PLEDGING ITS VOTES EARLIER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND THAT IT WAS NOT AWARE THAT THERE WERE ONLY THREE WEO VACANCIES TO BE FILLED. FONSECA WAS AGAIN APOLOGETIC AND ASSURED ME THAT GOC WAS WELL AWARE OF IMPORTANCE WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION ATTACHED TO HUMAN RIGHTS. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY LESS THAN HAPPY WITH HIS PERMANENT MISSION'S HANDLING OF OUR MARCH 7 NOTE AND INDICATED THAT IN FUTURE IT WOULD BE BEST IN SUCH MATTERS TO APPROACH THE MINISTRY

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